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Group Art Unit: 2873

Appln. No. : 09/960,382

Examiner: H. MAI

Filed : September 24, 2001

For : LENS DRIVE MECHANISM

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of November 13, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

No Additional Fee.

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